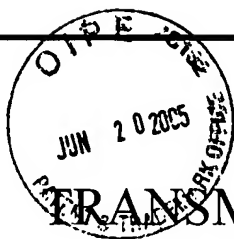


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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(2), copies of the two of the references are not enclosed as these references are issued US Patents. The remaining foreign patent publication is supplied with this Statement.

REMARKS

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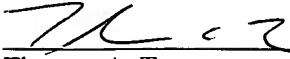
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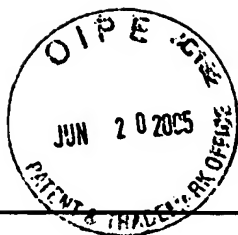
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